BANKING UNDER LARGE EXCESS RESERVES

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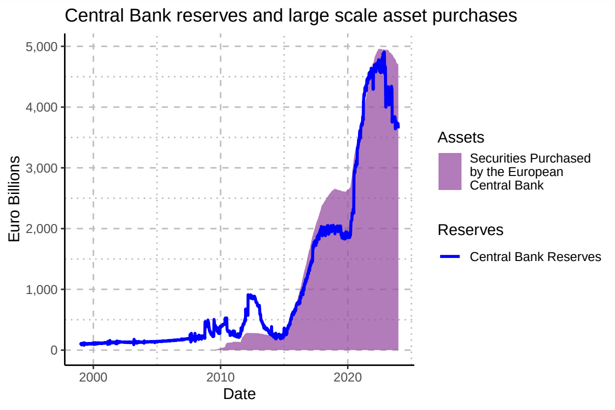

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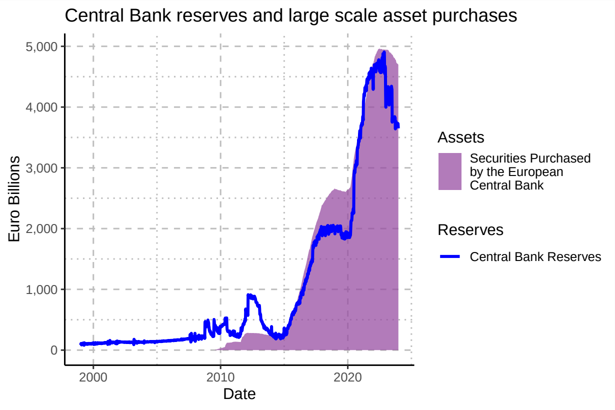

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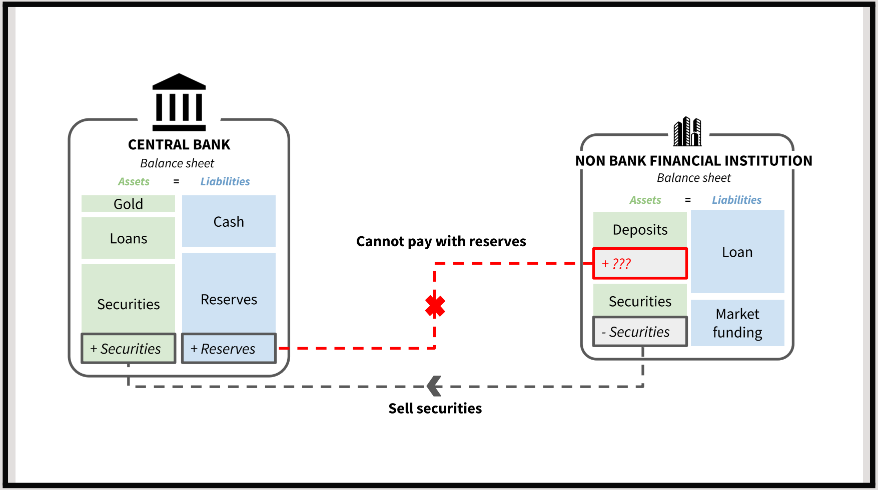

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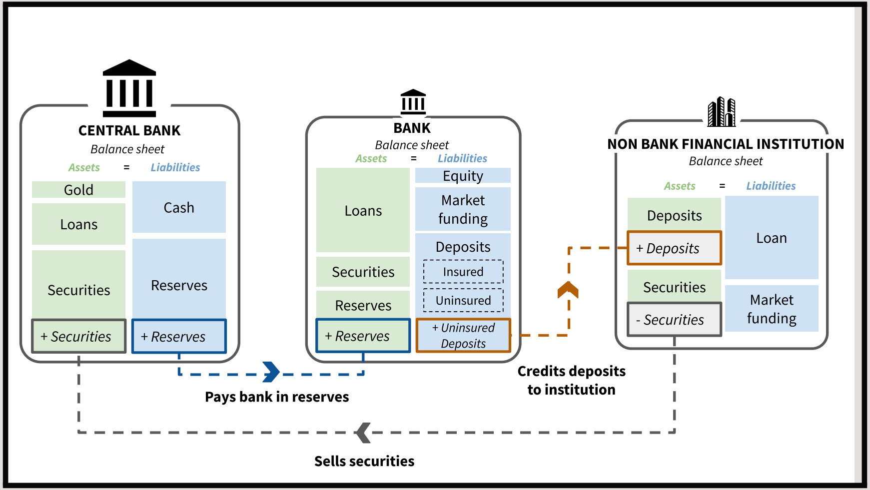

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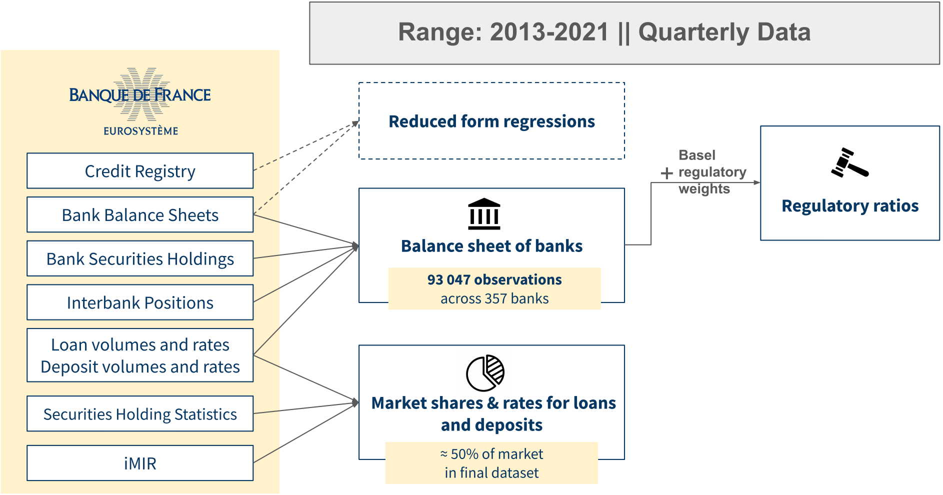
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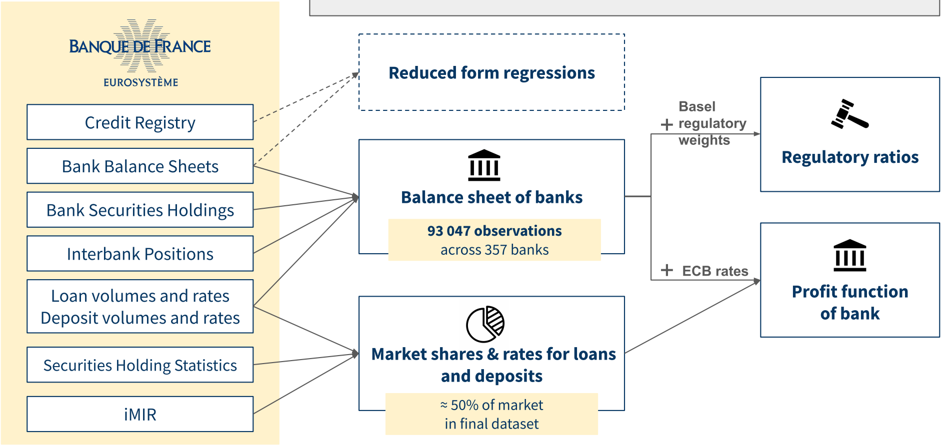

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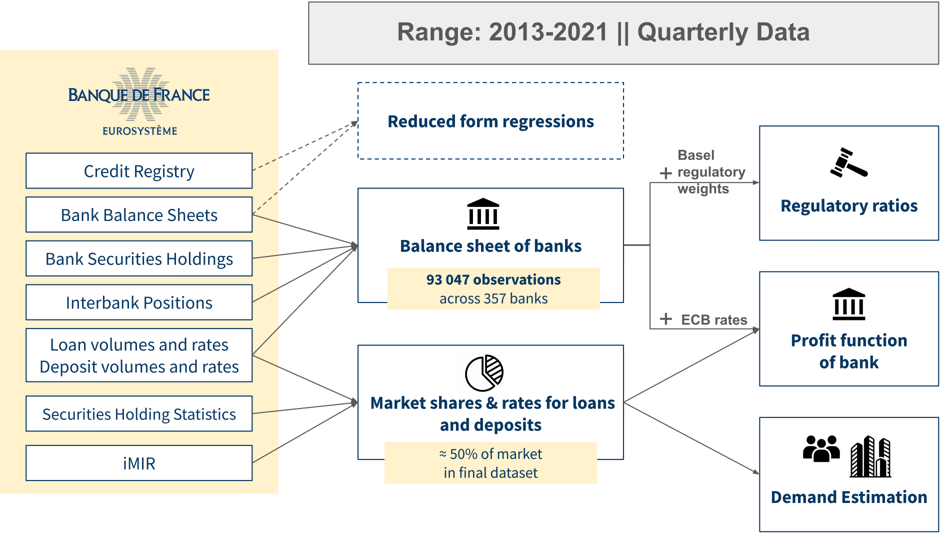
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Growth rate of outstanding credit during 2019Q4-2021Q4 QE round.

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- Instrument exposure to QE with **share of financial clientele in 2014**. QETrade

Instrumented Regression

Back of the enveloppe calculation

- Share of reserves on the aggregate balance sheet increased from 6% to 15% over the period.
- Implies up to 30% loss in potential corporate lending provision.
- Up to 60 cents of lost corporate lending for each 1€ of reserves injected.

ILST Robustness

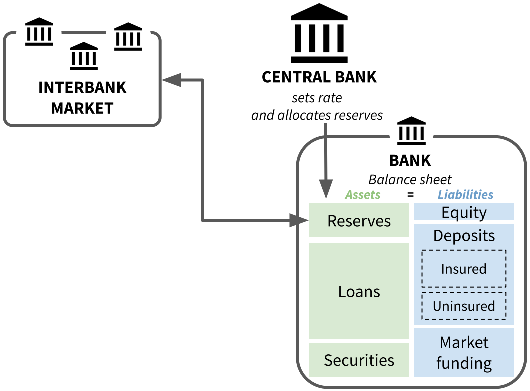
2019Q4-2021Q4 IV Regression

Dependent Variables:	Mid-point growth	
Model:	Base	IV
$ReserveShare_{j,t-1}$	-0.3021	-1.454*
	(0.2238)	(0.7651)
$\Delta ReserveShare_{jt}$	-1.472***	-3.382**
	(0.2112)	(1.536)
$TotalAssets_{t-1}$	0.0846***	0.1293***
	(0.0107)	(0.0300)
Firm fixed-effects	Yes	Yes
Observations	866,202	866,202
R^2	0.64582	0.63881
Within R^2	0.01965	
Wu-Hausman	/	244.7

Clustered at the bank level standard-errors in parentheses

STRUCTURAL MODEL

Model of the Banking System



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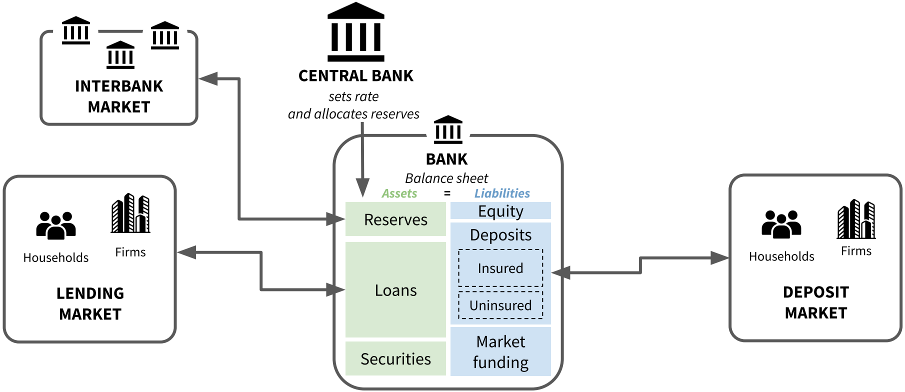

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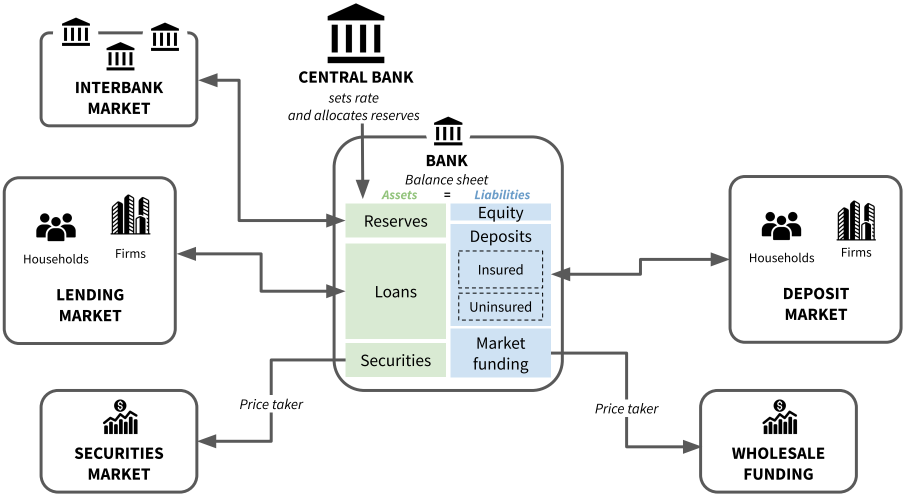

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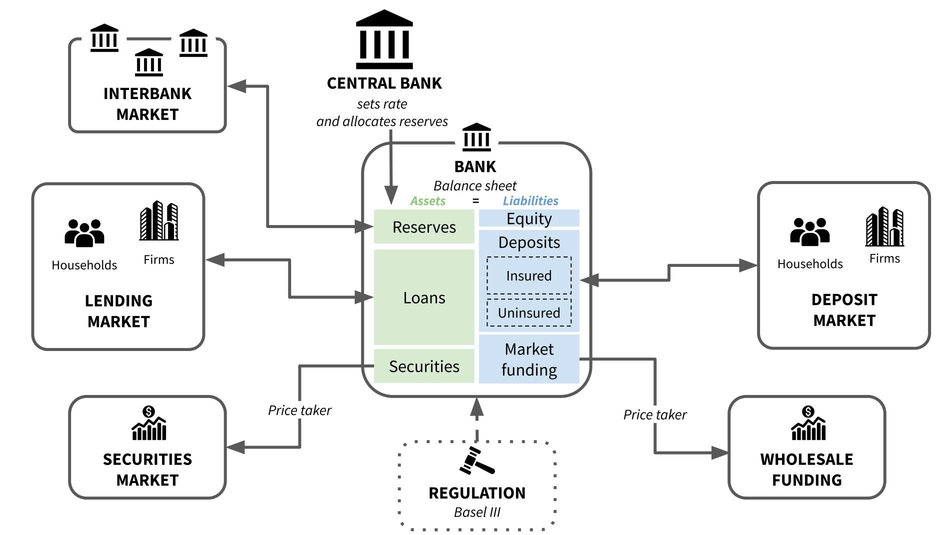

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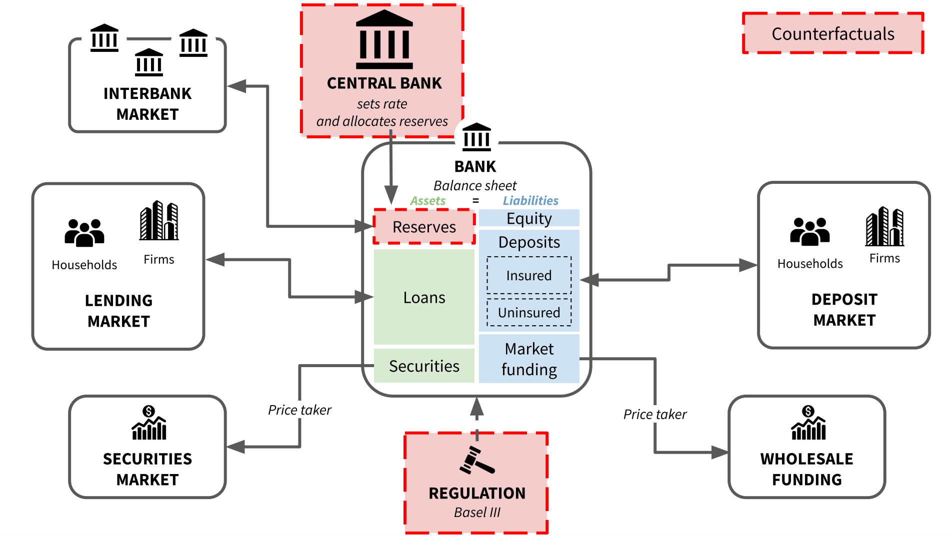

Bank's optimization problem

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$$\max_{\mathbf{X}_i, \Delta Q_{i,R}} \underbrace{\mathbf{X}_i'\mathbf{R}_i - \Delta Q_{i,R}(R_{ITB} - R_{DF})}_{\text{Net return on balance sheet positions}} \quad -\mathcal{C}_i(\Delta Q_{i,R}, \mathbf{X}_i)$$

$$s.t. \quad \underbrace{\mathbf{1}'\mathbf{X}_{i,A} + Q_{i,R} = \mathbf{1}'\mathbf{X}_{i,L} + E_i}_{\text{Assets} = \text{Liabilities}}$$

$$with \quad \mathcal{C}_i(\Delta Q_{i,R}, \mathbf{X}_i) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}\frac{\varphi}{E_i}(\Delta Q_{i,R})^2}_{\text{Trading cost}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}\frac{\gamma}{E_i}\mathbf{X}_i'\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{X}_i}_{\text{Risk}} + \underbrace{\sum_k \lambda_{ik}\boldsymbol{\omega}_{X,k}'\mathbf{X}_i}_{\text{Shadow cost of regulation}}$$

The cost function

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Regression Equation: pooled FE regression

$$Y_{ijt} = \gamma Risk_{ijt} + \Lambda' \mathbf{RegCost}_{ijt} + FE_{it} + \epsilon_{it}$$

- With Y_{ijt} the marginal return, and $\mathbf{RegCost}_{ijt}$ a vector of constraints costs.
- **Given a demand side to estimate the markups in the marginal return, we can estimate the bank's cost function parameters.**

Estimation Results

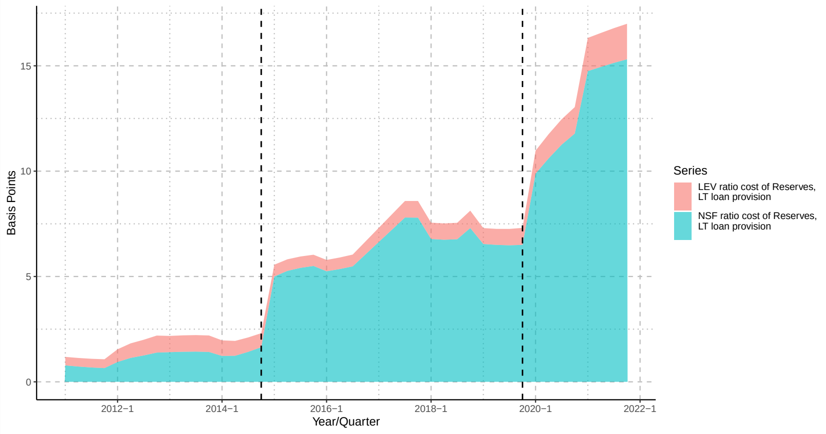
Regulatory cost of reserves, LT lending, average lender

Result 1

- The regulatory costs of QE increased over time.
- Long-term lending: 17 basis point increase in marginal cost in 2021.

Result 2

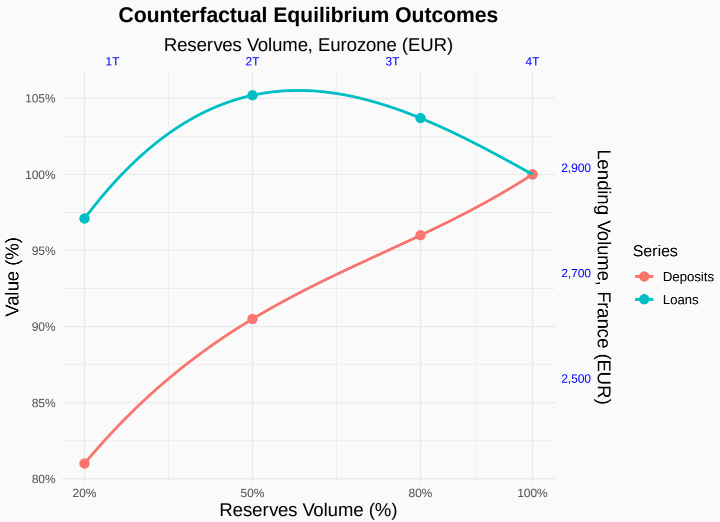
- NSF represented the majority of the cost increases.



Cost of regulation and counterfactuals

- **Counterfactuals:** 2021 Q4 data (before rate hikes), computed for 20%, 50% and 80% decrease in reserves.

Counterfactuals Recipe | Counterfactuals Computation



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Policy implications

- Leverage ratio relief -> easy to implement. (see Waltz 2024, Koont et al. 2021)
- ONRRP -> Could target specific reserve levels. (see Cipriani et al. 2022)

Thank You

APPENDIX

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- Logit market shares : **imperfect competition**, from which we extract **markups**.

$$\log(\text{Market Share}_i) \propto \alpha_k R_{ik,Nt} + \beta C_{i,Nt} + \xi_{ik,Nt}$$

- **Instruments**: Granular IVs, Hausman instruments.

Deposit Demand Loan Demand

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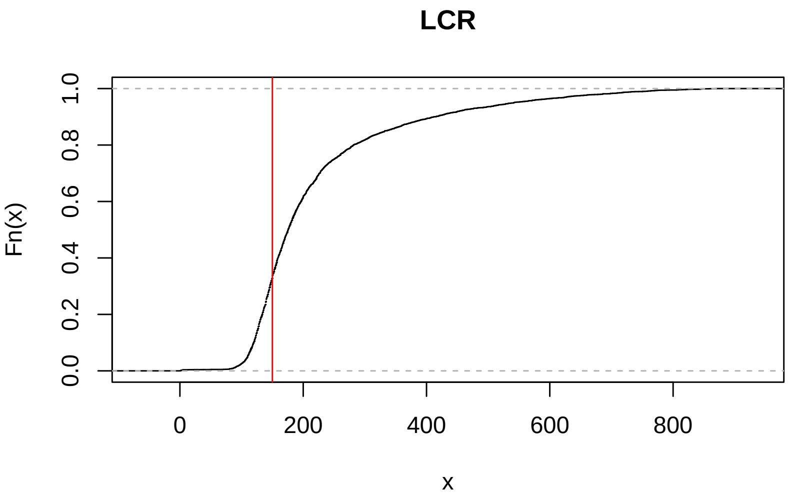

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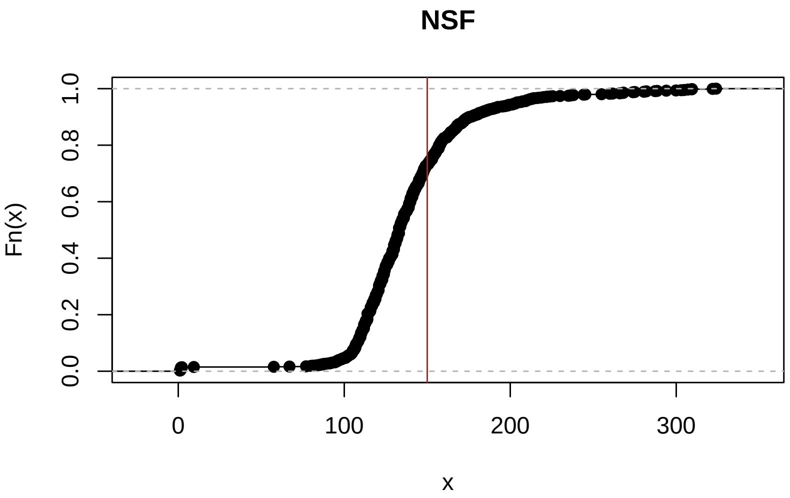

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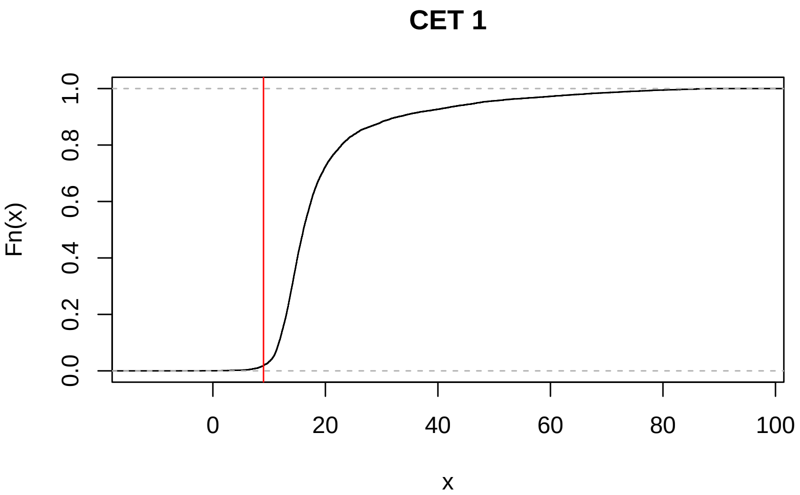

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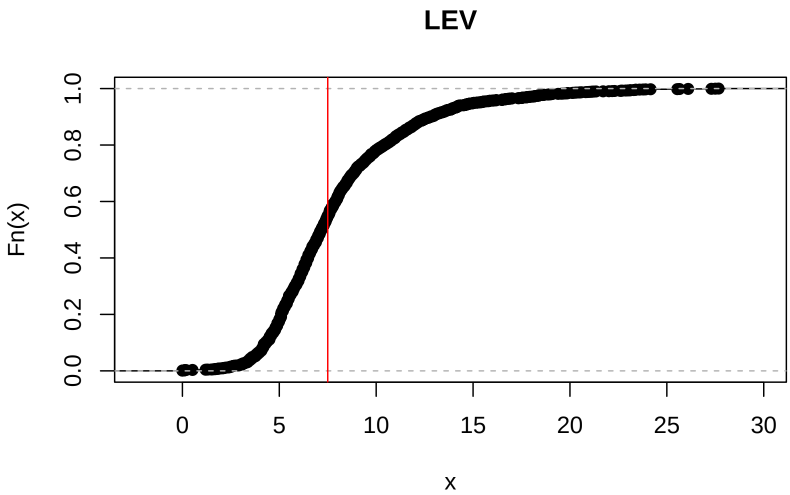

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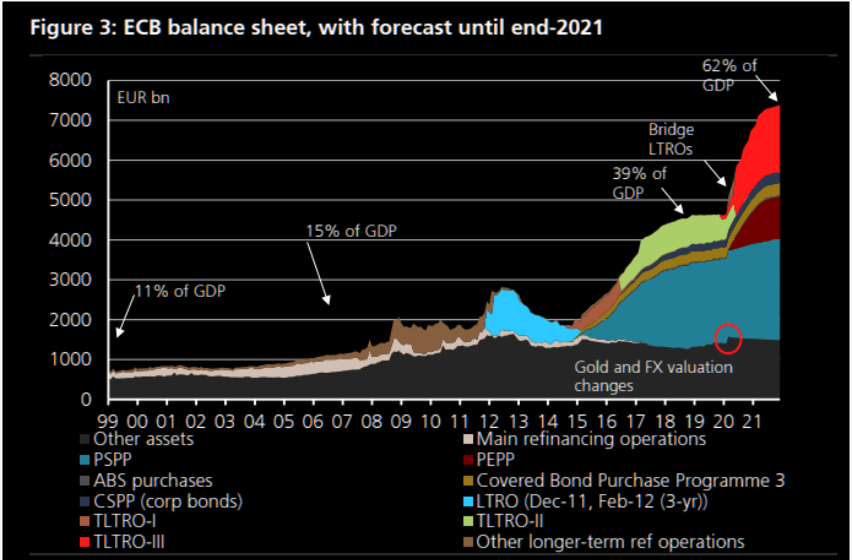

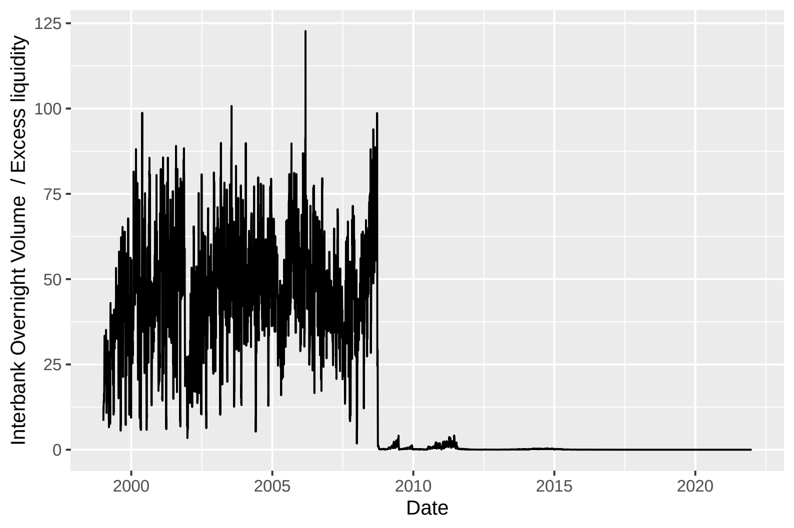

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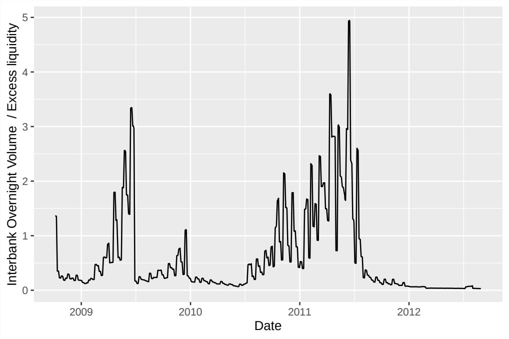

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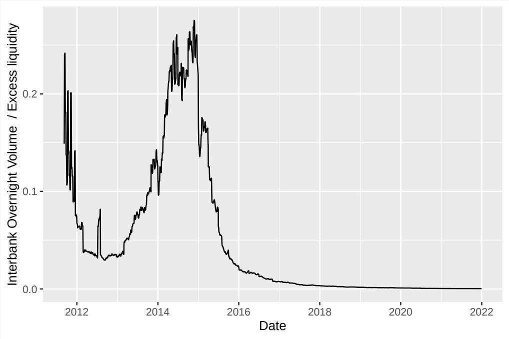

(b) Structural break: LSAP

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Unsecured Bank Debt

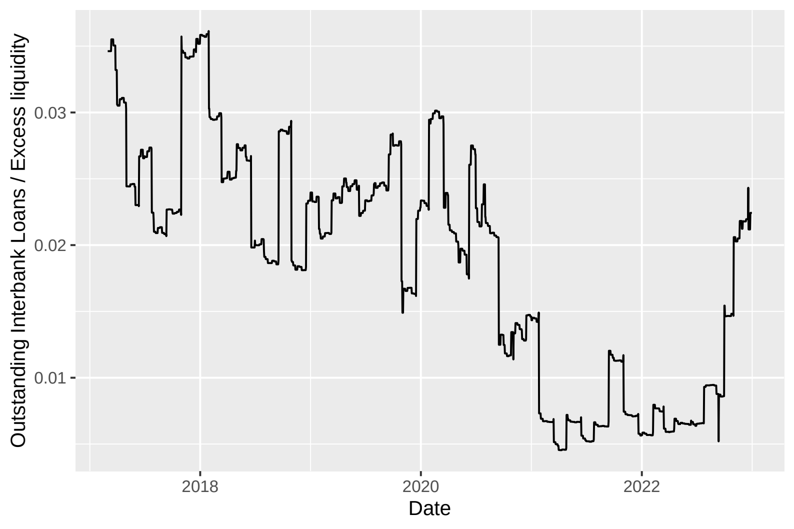
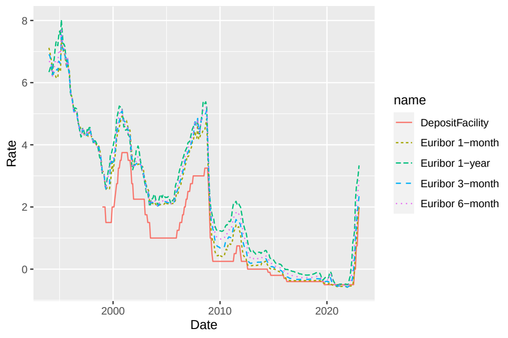


Figure: Outstanding Unsecured Inter-Bank Debt As a Fraction of Reserves

Rates inversion



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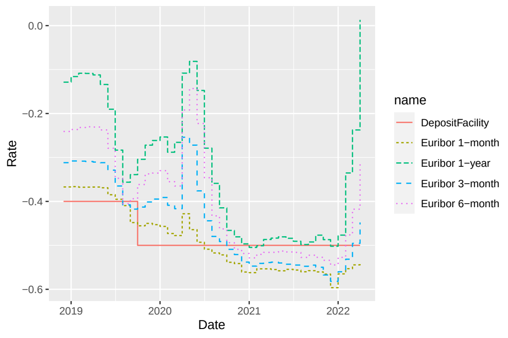

(b) Euribor vs Deposit facility rate: Zoom

Figure: Euribor plotted against the deposit facility rate

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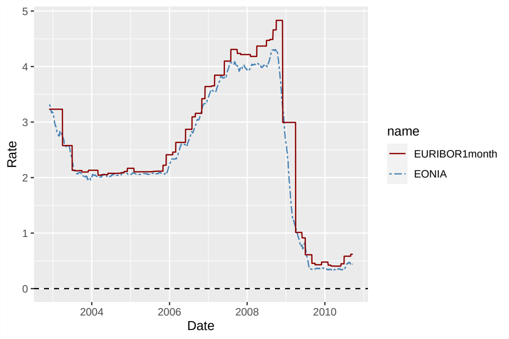

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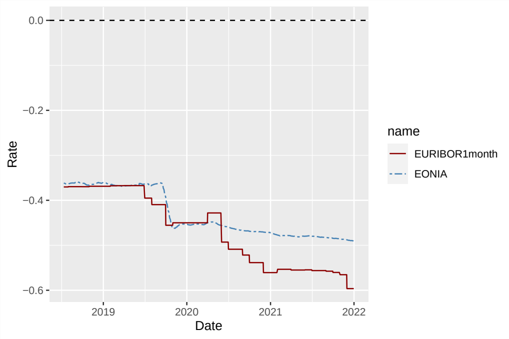

(b) Rates post unconventional monetary policy

Figure: The market for reserves

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First Order Conditions

The F.O.C.s yield that marginal revenue (LHS) equals marginal cost (RHS)

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\begin{aligned}
-\varphi \Delta Q_{i,R} &= R_{ITB} - R_{DF} + \frac{\partial C_i}{\partial \Delta Q_{i,R}} \\
\frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{i,L}}{\partial \mathbf{L}_i} \mathbf{L}_{i,l} + \mathbf{R}_{i,l} &= \frac{\partial C_i}{\partial \mathbf{L}_i} \\
\mathbf{R}_S &= \frac{\partial C_i}{\partial \mathbf{S}_i} \\
-\frac{\partial R_{i,d}}{\partial D_i} D_i - R_{i,d} &= \frac{\partial C_i}{\partial D_i}
\end{aligned}
$$

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Agnostic cost function

If we take the agnostic approach, then we take the cost function to be a second order polynomial of the interaction of balance sheet items.

Let us define BS as the stacked vector of balance sheet items, $\mathbf{BS} = \begin{cases} S_i \\ L_i \\ Q_{i,R} - \Delta Q_{i,R} \\ E_i \\ D_i \end{cases}$

$$C(Q_{i,R}, \mathbf{X}_i(\mathbf{R}_{i,X}), D_i(R_{i,d})) = \mathbf{BS}'\Lambda\mathbf{BS} + \lambda\mathbf{BS}$$

With Λ, λ to be estimated. Back

Loan demand

Let $L_{i,nt}$ represent the share of bank i in market n at time t:

$$L_{i,nt} = \bar{F}_{L,nt} \int_{\mathcal{J}} \frac{\exp(\alpha_{L,j} r_{L,i,nt} + \beta_L x_{L,i,nt} + \delta_{L,i,nt})}{1 + \exp(\theta_n + \alpha_{B,j} r_{DF,t}) + \sum_{k \in \mathcal{I}} \exp(\alpha_{L,j} r_{L,k,nt} + \beta x_{L,k,nt} + \delta_{L,k,nt})}$$

With

- $\bar{F}_{L,nt}$ the size of the market, .
- $\alpha_{B,j} < 0$ the heterogeneous elasticity of bond issuance to the risk free rate r_{DF} and θ_n the base utility of bond issuance.
- $\alpha_{L,j} < 0$ the heterogeneous elasticity of demand for loans to the interest rates on loans $r_{L,i,nt}$
- β_L the population coefficients on bank-market characteristics $x_{L,i,nt}$
- $\delta_{L,i,nt}$ a bank-specific intercept parameter

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Potential Instruments

We require an instrument $z_{i,nt}$ that impacts banks' interest rate choices but is not correlated with unobserved quality $\varepsilon_{i,nt}$.

1. Immigration shock à la Bartik
2. Natural disasters
3. A local public spending shock (Pinardon-Touati 2022)
4. Instrument à la BLP, that is the the characteristics of the competitors at the local or national level

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Sketch of Estimation

Estimation revolves around a two-pass mechanism. We describe the estimation for the deposit market, but the mechanism is similar in other markets.

1. A first pass would estimate initial demand parameters using linear IVs, following the process described in Diamond et al. (2022)
2. Using these parameters we can compute $\hat{\psi}_{nt}$, which we can then use to estimate $\bar{F}_{D,nt}$ through linear IVs.
3. Now that we have a value for $\bar{F}_{D,nt}$ and a starting estimate for demand system parameters, we can start the second pass and run BLP to properly estimate the equation

$$D_{i,nt} = \bar{F}_{D,nt} \int_{\mathcal{J}} \frac{\exp(\alpha_{D,j} r_{D,i,nt} + \beta_D x_{D,i,nt} + \delta_{D,i,nt})}{1 + \exp([\gamma_n + \alpha_{f,j}] r_{DF,t}) + \sum_{k \in \mathcal{I}} \exp(\alpha_{D,j} r_{D,k,nt} + \beta_D x_{D,k,nt} + \delta_{D,k,nt})}$$

   through GMM. It is still necessary to use IVs that are susceptible to shift the bank rates to properly estimate the elasticity parameters.
4. We then estimate the balance-sheet cost parameters at the bank level through GMM or IV.

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QE in two tiered monetary system (1/2)

Central Bank

Securities	Liabilities
Assets	Reserves
IOU	
+ Securities	+ Reserves

Bank

Assets	Liabilities
Securities	Capital
Loans	Deposits
− Securities	
+ Reserves	

Table: QE Trade when a bank is the direct counterparty of the central bank

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QE in two tiered monetary system (2/2)

Central Bank

Assets	Liabilities
Securities	Reserves
IOU	
+ Securities	+ Reserves

Bank

Assets	Liabilities
Securities	Capital
Loans	Deposits
+ Reserves	+ Deposits

Non-Bank

Assets	Liabilities
Securities	Capital
Deposits	Loans
− Securities	
+ Deposits	

Table: QE Trade when a bank is the intermediary of the counterparty

Datasets in detail (1)

- **SHS-France** contains detailed security by security holdings by sectors (Banks, Households, etc.) in France. It includes information on the price and characteristics of these securities.
- **M-INTDEPO** reports bank-by-bank aggregate amounts for deposit products and the related monthly interest rate flows. This allows for the computation of interest rates paid by French banks on their deposit products.
- **M-INTENCO** reports bank-by-bank aggregate amounts for lending products and the related monthly interest rate flows. This allows for the computation of interest rates charged by French banks on their lending products.
- **IMIR-ENCOURS** reports bank-by-bank aggregate lending, and interest rate flows. Back

Datasets in detail (2)

- **M-RESEAUG** reports aggregate lending and deposits for bank branches, for various counterparty categories. It specifically includes loans to state entities.
- **ITB-nRESI-EC, ITB-RESID-EC** reports secured and unsecured exposures (in different currencies) to interbank lending and deposits, both towards ECB and other credit institutions.
- **M-TITPRIM** reports bank-by-bank aggregate holdings for different security and counterparty types. Both the accounting value and the market value of the assets can be observed in the dataset.
- **ENGAG-INT** reports the international exposure of the bank, country-by-country, instrument-by-instrument.
- **M-CONTRAN** includes new euro-denominated credit contracts issued by French banks concluded with nonbanks. Provides the amount and the interest rates of the reported loans, with unique loan identifier. Back

Datasets in detail (3)

- **COTA**: The dataset reports the company ratings issued by the Banque de France, which in combination with the credit registry allows to gauge the riskyness of the lending portfolio of banks.
- **NCE**: Subsample of new lending contracts matched with data on the borrowing companies (size, credit risk).
- **SCR**: Credit registry. Collects data on borrowers with exposure above 25,000 euros towards banks operating in France. It reports outstanding amount of credit, interest rates, as well as the geographic location of borrowers.
- **SITUATION-EC**: Banks' balance sheet items obtained from bank regulatory filings. Provides a summary of activities by operation and geographical area.
- **M-SITMENS**: Monthly aggregate banks' balance sheet items. The level of detail is lower than in the SITUATION-EC dataset.

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European Specificities

European Banks

1. Can fund whole portfolio of assets with deposits: potential substitution between lending and investment banking
2. Faced negative interest rates on excess reserves
3. Most banks can hold reserves: Under large excess reserves, the market for reserves vanishes
4. LTRO programs

To the best of our knowledge, no structural model addresses these issues.

Basel III regulatory framework

Capital regulation LEV CET1

$$RWC = \frac{Common\ equity}{Risk\ weighted\ assets\ (RWA)} > 1$$

$$Equity\ ratio = \frac{Common\ equity}{Total\ Exposure} > \delta$$

Liquidity regulation LCR NSF

$$LCR = \frac{High\ quality\ liquid\ asset\ amount\ (HQLA)}{Total\ net\ cash\ outflow\ amount\ during\ stress} > 1$$

$$NSF = \frac{Available\ amount\ of\ stable\ funding}{Required\ amount\ of\ stable\ funding} > 1$$

Data

Banque de France

- Credit registry, french banks balance sheets, deposits and rates, interbank exposures
- Monthly to quarterly data
- Cannot interact these datasets with private data

BankFocus

- Balance sheet items of banks in the Eurozone
- Yearly Data

Datasets in detail Back

The demand function

Bank compete à la Bertrand in n imperfect markets.

WLOG, deposit market: $D_{i,nt}$ representing the share of bank i in market n at time t:

$$D_{i,nt} = \bar{F}_{D,nt} \int_{\mathcal{J}} \frac{\exp(\alpha_{D,j} r_{D,i,nt} + \beta_D x_{D,i,nt} + \delta_{D,i,nt})}{1 + \exp(\gamma_n + \alpha_{f,j} r_{DF,t}) + \sum_{k \in \mathcal{I}} \exp(\alpha_{D,j} r_{D,k,nt} + \beta_D x_{D,k,nt} + \delta_{D,k,nt})}$$

With

- $\bar{F}_{D,nt} = \int_{\mathcal{J}} \mu_j$ the size of the market.
- $\alpha_{f,j} > 0$ elasticity of demand to the risk free rate r_{DF}
- γ_n a parameter that governs the outside option for market n.
- $\alpha_{D,j} > 0$ the elasticity of demand to the interest rates on deposits $r_{D,i,nt}$
- β_D the general coefficients on bank-market characteristics $x_{D,i,nt}$
- $\delta_{D,i,nt}$ a bank-specific intercept parameter

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Instruments

Financial clientele : exposure to third-party QE sales

- Proportion of assets allocated to loans to financial corporations
- Proportion of liabilities constituted by deposits from financial corporations Back

IV FIRST STAGE

Dependent Variables: Model:	Reserve Share (lag) (1)	Reserve Share Change (2)	Δ Reserves (3)
Variables			
Financial Loans	-0.8653***	-0.3124***	-22.50***
	(0.0564)	(0.0525)	(2.225)
Financial Deposits	0.4586***	-0.0774***	2.656***
	(0.0806)	(0.0194)	(0.7086)
FinL$\times$ FinD	40.60***	39.37***	1,245.0***
	(3.276)	(2.645)	(111.5)
Fit statistics			
Observations	866,202	866,202	866,202
R^2	0.53425	0.49504	0.57812
Within R^2	0.26445	0.18959	0.06002

Counterfactuals computation recipe

0. Fix the shock – be it a change in the structural parameters, a change in the regulatory constraints, a change in the quantity of reserves, etc.
1. Guess assets $\mathbf{A}$ and liabilities $\mathbf{L}$. From the guess, compute traded reserves equilibrium $\tilde{Q}_R$.
2. Compute the marginal cost for each bank-level item using the vector guessed assets and liabilities $\{A, L\}$ and the computed reserves equilibrium $\mathbf{Q_R}$
3. Compute $\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{BS}$, the vector of estimated $\hat{\lambda}_{BS,i}$, by taking for $j \in \mathcal{J} \setminus \{Loans, Deposits\}$
$$\hat{\lambda}_{BS,i} = \frac{\sum_j MC_{i,j} - MR_{i,j}}{|\mathcal{J} \setminus \{Loans, Deposits\}|_i}$$
4. Find the market rates for each $j \in \{Loans, Deposits\}$, that ensure $MC_{i,j} - MR_{i,j} = \hat{\lambda}_{BS,i}$
5. For $j \in \mathcal{J} \setminus \{Loans, Deposits\}$, compute the quantities solving $\hat{\lambda}_{BS,i} = MC_{i,j} - MR_{i,j}$.
For $j \in \{Loans, Deposits\}$, compute the demand-side quantities implied by the market rates (from the market equilibrium).
6. Update the initial guess using the quantities $\hat{\mathbf{A}}, \hat{\mathbf{L}}$ computed in step 5 and the Jacobian of the functions defining steps 1-5. This yields an updated guess $\{\mathbf{A}', \mathbf{L}'\}$ Iterate over until convergence (i.e. $\{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{L}\} = \{\mathbf{A}', \mathbf{L}'\}$).

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Counterfactuals computation: in a nutshell

1. $f_1 : \{\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{L}\} \mapsto \{\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{L}, \tilde{Q}\}$
2. $f_2 : \{\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{L}, \tilde{Q}\} \mapsto \{\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{L}, \tilde{Q}, \mathrm{MC}_\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{MC}_\mathrm{L}\}$
3. $f_3 : \{\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{L}, \tilde{Q}, \mathrm{MC}_\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{MC}_\mathrm{L}\} \mapsto \{\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{L}, \tilde{Q}, \mathrm{MC}_\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{MC}_\mathrm{L}, \hat{\lambda}_{BS}\}$
4. $f_4 : \{\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{L}, \tilde{Q}, \mathrm{MC}_\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{MC}_\mathrm{L}, \hat{\lambda}_{BS}\} \mapsto \{\mathrm{MC}_\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{MC}_\mathrm{L}, \mathrm{MR}_\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{MR}_\mathrm{L}, \hat{\lambda}_{BS}\}$
5. $f_5 : \{\mathrm{MC}_\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{MC}_\mathrm{L}, \mathrm{MR}_\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{MR}_\mathrm{L}, \hat{\lambda}_{BS}\} \mapsto \{\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{L}\}$

A fixed point of $f = f_1 \circ f_2 \circ f_3 \circ f_4 \circ f_5$ defines an equilibrium of the system.

By the chain rule,

$$J_f = J_{f_1} \times J_{f_2} \times J_{f_3} \times J_{f_4} \times J_{f_5}$$

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ILST Robustness

Dependent Variable:	Mid point growth			
Model:	Full time period	Post 2019 only	No QT	QT Only
$TotalAssets_{t-1}$	-0.0008	-0.0010	-0.0003	-0.0045
	(0.0009)	(0.0018)	(0.0004)	(0.0050)
$ReserveShare_{j,t-1}$	-0.0664***	-0.0695**	-0.0431***	-0.0894*
	(0.0212)	(0.0278)	(0.0124)	(0.0474)
$\Delta ReserveShare_{jt}$	-0.0031***	-0.0030***	-0.0028***	-0.0089
	(0.0006)	(0.0008)	(0.0006)	(0.0057)
ILST *Fixed-effects*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	5,999,118	2,884,073	5,042,543	786,059
R^2	0.35176	0.37106	0.33224	0.46584
Within R^2	0.00010	0.00018	4.09×10^{-5}	0.00068

Clustered (Bank-Time-Location & Firm) standard-errors in parentheses

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The cost function

Conceptually: Captures max mean-variance portfolio subject to regulatory constraints.

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$$\mathcal{C}_i(\Delta Q_{i,R}, \mathrm{X}_i) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}\frac{\varphi}{E_i}(\Delta Q_{i,R})^2}_{\text{Trading cost}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}\frac{\gamma}{E_i}\mathrm{X}_i'\Sigma\mathrm{X}_i}_{\text{Risk}} + \underbrace{\sum_k \lambda_{ik}\boldsymbol{\omega}_{X,k}'\mathrm{X}_i}_{\text{Shadow cost of regulation}}$$

With

- φ the monitoring/trading cost on the reserves market.
- γ the banks' risk aversion coefficient, $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ the variance-covariance of asset returns.
- $\boldsymbol{\omega}_{X,k}$ the vector of regulatory weights for constraint k.

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Supply side estimation results + Robustness

Dependent Variable:	$R_{X_{ijt}} + R_i'(X_{ijt})X_{ijt}$			
Sample:	Whole Balance Sheet	Assets	Liabilities	Bank-level risk aversion
γ	**0.14**	0.48	-0.04	
	(0.09)	(0.29)	(0.09)	
$\bar{\lambda}_{LCR}$	1.86***	2.81***	3.08***	1.82***
	(0.37)	(0.75)	(1.00)	(0.36)
$\bar{\lambda}_{NSF}$	1.40***	0.99***	1.76***	1.42***
	(0.12)	(0.15)	(0.21)	(0.12)
$\bar{\lambda}_{LEV}$	12.12***	6.78**		11.59**
	(4.34)	(2.78)		(4.34)
φ	0.15**	-0.15		0.15***
	(0.06)	(0.12)		(0.05)
Fixed-effects	Yes (3,892)	Yes (3,892)	Yes (3,892)	Yes (3,892)
Observations	61,485	34,529	26,956	61,485
Within R^2	0.28	0.08	0.25	0.27